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if the chuck holes are more important than the elderly. That is their decision. But Senator Syas I want it written into the bill 10¢ fare. All of these letters and these calls that you got, I would like to see a survey of them. I have had the same groups of people come to me and say for 10¢ we could ride the bus from nine to three. I'm still for this bill as it was originally in Senator Clark's which we took it out, passed it for the out-state senators and if the bus company with the inflated \$600,000 it is going to cost our bus company \$600,000 to give some elderly people a ride on the bus between nine and three. My what an inflated amount. Yet they are going to take two mills in my city of Omaha a mil is a million dollars. Two million dollars and they can't give a lowly 10¢ bus ride from ten to three. Senator Syas, I am ashamed of you.

SPEAKER: Senator ~~Stahmer~~, I'm ashamed of you.

SENATOR STAHLER: Mr. President, and members of the body. Oh it is bad when Omaha fights. But I am going to have to disagree with Senator Mahoney and back Senator Syas. I think that many elderly have written me letters pointing out that this change would do more harm than good and actually end up costing them more money. I think that we ought to let well enough alone in the area, and I support Senator Syas.

SPEAKER: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Mr. President, we have some elderly going a lot of different directions it seems. But the elderly in my district I believe are quite enthusatic and I see no way that a 10¢ bus ride is going to cost them more money unless it means that they are going to be able to go down town or to their grocery store and buy something that otherwise they might not be able to get too because they can't afford the ordinary bus fare and so now they would be able to go more frequently and purchase those necessities that there were formerly deprived of. The \$600,000 is absolute bunk. I have talked to Omaha transit people and they have never given me that price tag. They have never submitted that price tag to us in the legislature in any formal matter, it is suddenly arisen here on Select File that it is \$600,000 and I don't see anyway that they could reasonably estimate what it is going to cost them to allow elderly persons to get on a bus for 10¢ between the hours of nine and three. They have no idea as to how many people will take advantage of that and I certainly don't think that they are anticipating adding great hoards of additional buses to accomodate these people. These are people that will be using the bus service who wouldn't normally be using it and they are probably going to pick up additional revenues even at 10¢ from what they are currently picking up at the normal fare. The whole issue is out of of line. We are the mil levy increase is an necessary one, a desirable one to improve mass transit in the city of Omaha and the 10¢ fare is in no way an unreasonable demand to put on a public transit system that is supposedly providing a public service for all of the people and to make it available for all of the people particularly those people who most need it and are economically least able to afford it.

SPEAKER: Senator Murphy.

SENATOR MURPHY: I'm not real sure due to the nature of Senator